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Parish Visitor

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From the Pastor

For what are you thankful? I am thankful for the opportunity our young people had to attend a youth gathering in New Orleans this past summer. I'm thankful for the couples who have been married this year. I'm thankful for the peace we know in the promises of God's grace, confident that our loved ones who have died are now experiencing this resurrection promise. I'm thankful for our Sunday School teachers and Bible study leaders and all the students who are learning more about God. I thank God for the 8 students who were confirmed on October 27, affirming their baptismal promises. I am thankful for all of you!

Reformation Day is a time in the church year when we commemorate the day Martin Luther nailed a document of 95 theses to a church door in Wittenberg Germany, and we recognize the importance of ongoing reforms in the Church. Reformation continues daily as life happens to us and we learn new ways of being Church together.

In affirming their baptismal promises, these students begin to articulate their faith as children of God at this time in their lives. (see their faith statements in this newsletter!) We pray together with all the baptized that God will continue to grow and strengthen us in our faith, and encourage us to share our faith with those around us. Confirmation is not the end of learning about who God is and who we are as God's children, but rather a time we are reminded of God's ongoing work to reform and transform us to be church together for the sake of the world.

All Saints Sunday is a day in the church year that we remember all the saints of God who have gone before us. We are reminded that we are ALL sinners and also saints, by the grace of God. When claimed by God in our baptisms, we hear God's promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation. When we confirm these promises for ourselves in an affirmation of baptism (also known as confirmation), we can be confident that our loved ones are in the arms of God, and so are we.

I encourage you this month to think of one different thing you are thankful for each day. Write it down, say a prayer, let others know, and in doing so our faith is strengthened and our faith is shared. Thanks be to God!

+ Pastor Dawn



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Confirmation 2024
- All Saints Day
- Women's Retreat
- Fall LYO

For with God nothing shall be impossible.—Luke 1:37

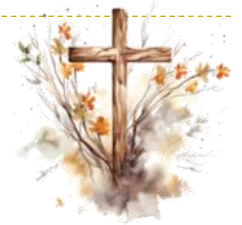


BDM VITALITY SURVEY

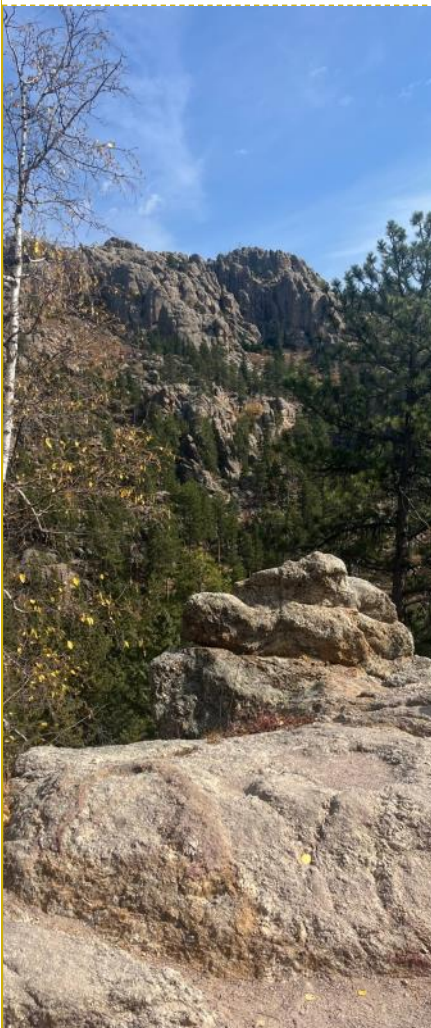
Please watch your email for a survey from our leadership in ministry.
 We hope to get responses from members of all three congregations, in order to guide us into the future. The survey results will be useful for both gaining insights about where you see ministry happening and opportunities for growth on our faith journey together. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey before the end of November. If you do not receive a survey by 11/10, please contact Pastor Dawn or one of your church council members to have it resent. Thank you for your participation!

Belfield Lutheran Altar Guild

*Thank you to Shelly Dukart and Barb Newton For Serving in October
 Serving in November Paulette Dorval & Marina Pickett
 Anyone Can Join the Altar Guild! See Jean Franklin for details.*



*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
 Proverbs 27:17*



2024 WELCA FALL SUPPER—BLC

Thank you to all who helped make the Fall Supper a huge success this year! Thank you to all that came to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Belfield Lutheran Church is grateful for your support.



2024 LYO Gathering

Our high school students connected with guest speaker Matt Schur, reflecting on the theme of rest. We gathered in Bismark with almost 200 other high school attendees, learning about Jesus and how Jesus served and loved the world. We were reminded of Jesus taking time away to pray in the midst of all his ministry of healing, teaching, calling disciples, casting out demons, and feeding thousands. We had an opportunity to serve the community of those who are getting out of prison by loading backpacks of essentials. Then, we filled bags of food for others who experience food insecurity. There was plenty of time for games and amazing worship, but rest? That was for when we got home!



“In the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.”

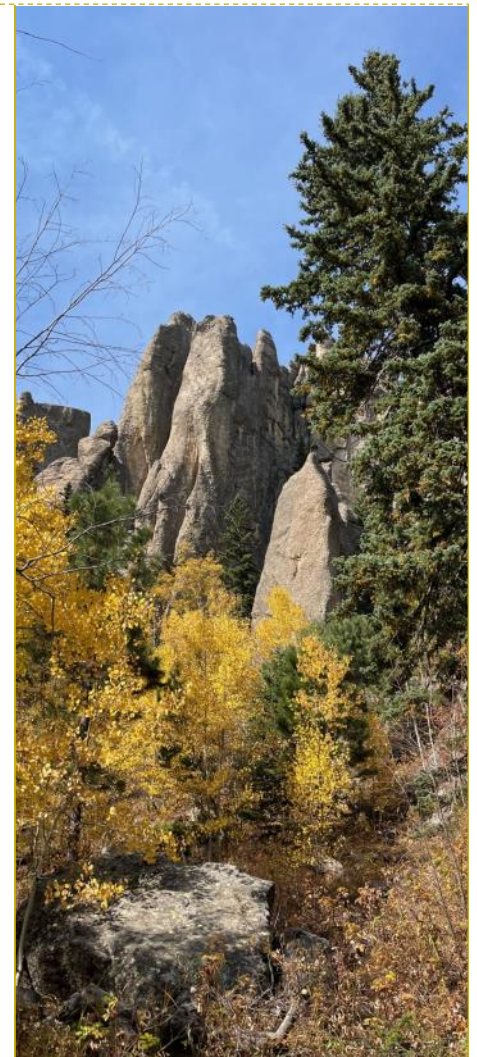
-Mark 1:35



The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Psalms 28:7

2024
Women's
RETREAT
November 16, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Belfield Lutheran Church
Come and enjoy a day of
Bible Study, Crafts and
Fellowship
\$25





2024 Confirmation at Belfield Lutheran Church



L to R: Camree Kling, Bailee Ross, Ava Redig, Chance Kling, Pastor Dawn Busch, Rex Hugelen, Sutton Johnson, Gus Tessier, Mason Schmidt

These students were confirmed on Sunday, October 27th, 2024 at Belfield Lutheran Church.

Please continue to pray for Camree, Bailey, Ava, Chance, Rex, Sutton, Gus & Mason as they continue to grow in faith.



Congratulations to Camree Joy Kling

Camree Joy Kling was born August 20, 2010, in Dickinson, ND. Russell and Kami Kling are her parents. She was baptized on November 28, 2010 in New Town, ND. Her baptismal sponsors are Jeff and Stephanie Kling, Dick and Jessica Woodbury and Laci Rodne. Camree's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 28:7 Noah is her favorite person and Noah building the Ark is her favorite story in the Bible. Her favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace".

Camree's Faith Statement

People ask sometimes what are a couple things that leave an impact in your life. Mine are family, friends, sports, but most of all God. Why God leaves a bigger impact in my life; because He is the one who started it all and taught me to have patience and wait for his timing because it's hard sometimes when nothing is going to your plan but God will stick with you and be right by your shoulder through everything and pick you up. But with any problems in our life, God will help us through them. And most of all God taught me to love the things that you have and cherish them, because you don't know how long you get them with you.

Congratulations to Bailee Mackenzie Ross

Bailee Mackenzie Ross was born August 24, 2009, in Dickinson, ND. Anna Marie Ross is her mother. Bailee was baptized August 10, 2014 at Belfield Lutheran Church, Belfield, ND. Her baptismal sponsor is Carmen Waldo. Bailee's favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 20:30. Jesus is her favorite person and Mark 1:29-39, when Jesus goes to pray and rest, highlighted by Mark 1:35 at the 2024 LYO Gathering, is her favorite story in the Bible. Bailee's favorite hymn is "Praise" by Elevation Worship.

Bailee's Faith Statement

I believe in the power of God who guides me through life's journey, giving me a crutch when I need it and a shoulder to cry on when I feel weak. God is the source of all love, wisdom and strength. My faith in God gives me a direction to go towards and a path to walk down guiding me to the right actions and decisions, providing me with a sense of purpose I wouldn't have without him. I believe God will always love no matter the mistake, and he will always forgive no matter the sin.

A couple years back my parents got divorced, and that has probably been one of the hardest changes in my life. I was only able to see my dad every other weekend turning into once a year. Although it was a good decision they made, it was still rough on me and my siblings. On top of that, I started

Bailee's faith statement continued...

struggling with my self-appearance and appreciation towards myself. In that period of time, I wondered why everything was just going downhill, and why God wasn't stopping it and making everything better. With that being said, I questioned my faith in Him, but I realized that with God, I should have no worries, and the way God made me is how I'm supposed to be. I started praying every night, going to church every Sunday and talking to people who were one with God. I realized I'm never alone with God and that without him I don't know what I'd be. He's my savior in every way possible and has a purpose for me even though I may not know it yet. With all of the ups and downs, God dug me out of the hole I thought I would never get out of and walked me to the end of the tunnel where I saw light I thought I would never see.

Congratulations to Ava Jo Redig

Ava Jo Redig was born December 29, 2009, in Rapid City, SD. Brian Redig and Marina and Kira Pickett are her parents. Ava was baptized October of 2010 in Whitewood, SD. Her baptismal sponsors are Jeremiah Pickett and Jonah and Morgan Pickett. Ava's favorite Bible verses are Matthew 19:26, Proverbs 3:5 and Hebrews 11:6. Jesus is her favorite person and the book of Revelation has her favorite stories from the Bible. Ava's favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace".

Ava's Faith Statement

In life people ask, "Do you believe in God?" and "Who is God towards you?" Most times you'll just say "yes of course I believe in God." or "God is my savior and the creator of heaven and earth." But sometimes you just have to think "Who is God towards me?" Yes, God is my savior, but he's also someone I can turn to when there's no one else to turn to. God is someone I'll go talk to when I don't want feedback or someone who will just listen to me. I believe this because I have faith in the God I was taught to believe in and put my trust in because I know he has trust in me. I've seen God by many times throughout my life with me questioning my faith. At times it can get hard with you even questioning if God is with you. Sometimes it does feel like you're alone but if you keep your faith, he will come around and show you he's here. I know God has a plan for me and sometimes I want to rush it to get the things I want sooner but I know he will show me his plan when it's ready.

Congratulations to Chance Lee Kling

Chance Lee Kling was born October 8, 2009, in Dickinson, ND. Russell & Kami Kling are his parents. Chance was baptized November 22, 2009 in New Town, ND. His baptismal sponsors are Shane Kling, Jessica Woodbury, Rob Guenther, and Laci Rodne. Chance's favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 27:17 Jesus is his favorite person and the birth of Jesus is his favorite story in the Bible. Chance's favorite hymn is "This Little Light of Mine".

Chance's Faith Statement

God will always forgive my sin, no matter what it is, and help me find the right path. In my daily journey of studying and worshipping God, what I learned the most about God is that He will forgive you no matter what. God created the Heavens and the earth. God impacted me by keeping me safe during my rodeo career and guiding me with his safe path and word. God has inspired me to spread his word and tell others all the good he will provide if you trust and believe in his process. God is our savior and father. God helps and sees you through your complex, challenging times by showing that the world is bigger than your stress and sin; never let your praying knees get weak when you are in doubt. Just slow down, trust, and allow God to lift you. I have found God's goodness and guidance through my horse, 8Ball, by how we bonded and by the patience, care, and trust I need to put into him every day when we are together, and I soon realized that God put him in my life for a reason.

Congratulations to Rex Archer Hugelen

Rex Archer Hugelen was born April 15, 2010, in Bismarck, ND. Ryan Hugelen and Grace and Beau Sneed are his parents. Rex was baptized July 4, 2010 at Belfield Lutheran Church, Belfield, ND. His baptismal sponsors are Jay and Angie Haverluk. Rex's favorite bible verse is Romans 9:20. Jesus is his favorite person and He is Risen is his favorite story in the Bible. Rex's favorite hymn is "On Eagles Wings".

Rex's Faith Statement

Who do you believe God to be?

I believe that God is the backbone in my life. He is the protector and the one that watches out for me and everyone else. He is important in my daily life because even though there are days that I sin or don't praise him as he wishes me to. He is still there to keep me safe and help me through the day.

I believe this about God because I have my struggles just as much as everyone else and God is always making my life easier and God doesn't want everyone to go through hard times. God doesn't do these things on purpose but you can guarantee he will always be there to help you get through it no matter what.

An example of how God has helped me through a struggle was when my grandma had passed away. I know God didn't want that to happen but the way he was able to help me was by Him making the whole family closer together. He did this by making us want to have the comfort of each other, even though we were tired of each other we still found peace in God when we were all together.

Congratulations to Sutton Don Johnson

Sutton Don Johnson was born September 22, 2009, in Dickinson, ND. Kwirt and Amanda Johnson are his parents. Sutton was baptized October 25, 2009 in Belfield, ND. His baptismal sponsors are Chet & Kelley Johnson. Sutton's favorite Bible verse is 1 Timothy 4:12 David is his favorite person and David and Goliath is his favorite story in the Bible. Sutton's favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace".

Sutton's Faith Statement

I believe in God the Father and the Holy Spirit. I believe God is great and he is the creator of heaven and earth. I believe God is the Savior, Judge, and Messiah. I believe God is the only God and that he is the reason we are here.

I think this because God is always there for me even when I don't think he is. I believe God created us all for a reason and he has a plan for us. I believe in God because I can feel him when I need him most and he helps me through hard times. I believe in God because I see him every day in everything I do and see.

I see God most when I do things I love like riding horses or playing basketball.



Congratulations to Gus Cooper Tessier

Gus Cooper Tessier was born February 25, 2010 in Dickinson, ND. Rusty and Bobbi Tessier are his parents. Gus was baptized May 2, 2010 at Belfield Lutheran Church, Belfield, ND. His baptismal sponsors are Jason O'Brian and Jessica Wieser. Gus' favorite Bible verse is Luke 1:37. Jesus is his favorite person and Jesus rising from death is his favorite story in the Bible. Gus' favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace".

Gus' Faith Statement

God is the king and creator of the heavens and earth. I believe in God the Father and his son Jesus Christ our Lord. God is someone I can talk to when I need him. God helps me through everything I do. I think we can be more like Jesus and help other people as much as they need. People sometimes just need someone to listen. God is Good all the time, All the time, God is Good!! I also think people need to remember that God is the highest and Jesus died for US!!! And saved us from our sins!! And God doesn't answer the way we want but trust me He is there.

Congratulations to Mason Michael Schmidt

Mason Michael Schmidt was born April 27, 2010 in Dickinson, ND. Mike and Melissa Schmidt are his parents. Mason was baptized September 19, 2010 at Belfield Lutheran Church, Belfield, ND. His baptismal sponsors are Lynn Schmidt and Sara Krebs.

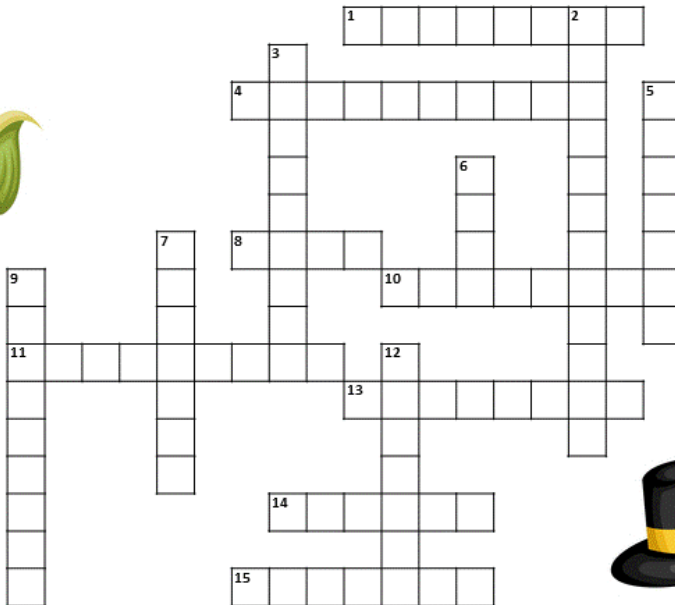
Mason's Faith Statement

God is our father, who art in heaven. God is my mentor for what I do for others. God is the one who can help guide me in the right direction to move forward in life. God's son, I believe, has opened my mind to the world and helped me see new things.

My story of seeing God is when I went to LYO and I was an introvert. Once I had gone, I had changed because of Colton's kindness. Later, I went to the national gathering with Colton and Rex after Colton had opened my mind to the world of kindness and made me feel welcome. I am thankful to have had these experiences and am excited to continue my journey of faith.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own sight. -Proverbs 3:5

Thanksgiving Crossword



We are Thankful for YOU!



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Across

1. First village established by the Pilgrims
4. Symbol of abundance and nourishment
8. An essential grain in the New World diet
10. Literally, travelers going to a holy place
11. The Pilgrims' boat
13. 16th and 17th century English Protestants
14. The traditional holiday bird
15. Indian who taught the Pilgrims many things

Down

2. 4th Thursday of November
3. A traditional Indian dwelling
5. Gathering of crops
6. Season for harvesting
7. Country the Pilgrims left behind
9. Indian tribe that was present at the first Thanksgiving
12. Bright orange squash used to make pie



November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Worship 8:30 am – Medora 9:15 am – Sunday School @ Belfield Lutheran 10:00 am – Belfield 11:45 am – Daglum 6:00 pm – Bible Study @ Dwelle's	4	3:30 pm – Pastor's Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Belfield Lutheran	6 3:30pm – Sunday School @ Medora Lutheran 7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ Belfield Lutheran 8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ Medora Lutheran	7 7:00pm – Bible Study @ Belfield Lutheran	8	9
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Sunday School in Medora is FUN!

But who indeed are you, a human, to argue with God? Will what is molded say to the one who molded it, "Why have you made me like this?"
Romans 9:20





All Saints Day

NOVEMBER 1

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for the lives of All saints, especially those connected to our parish.

Russell Sandaker	Joe Armbrust	Philip Malkowski	Becky Yadon
Sodie Lindbo	Linda Wagner	Kathryn Malkowski	Norma Newton
Darren Hanson	Monica Hushka	Jordan Binstock	Rena Olheiser
George Cermak	Todd Corneil	Larry Hanson	Carmen Ruud
Bambi Mansfield	Julie Augusto	Jeanie Vanvig	Violet Olson
Roger Malkowski	Donna Fritz	Tony Obrigewitch	Conrad Olson
Fran Dwelle	Janice Corneil	Kenny Obrigewitch	
Deane Nichols	Dorothy Hoff	Margaret Emch	

In Memory of....

Marlene "Sodie" Peabody, 88, of Beulah, passed away Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Sanford Health, Bismarck, ND. Services were held, Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Beulah. Burial followed at Spring Creek Cemetery, rural Dodge, ND



Russell E. Sandaker, 89, Belfield, died on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at Benedictine Living Center, Dickinson. Russell's Celebration of Life was held Friday, October 25, 2024 at Ladbury Funeral Service, Dickinson, with Rev. Dawn Busch officiating. Inurnment followed at the Belfield Lutheran Cemetery, Belfield.

Darren Lee Hanson, 59, a beloved brother, nephew, uncle, and cousin to many, passed away on October 3, 2024, after a lifelong battle with mental illness. Darren's Celebration of Life Service will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at Ladbury Funeral Service, Dickinson with Pastor Tyler Doohen as officiant. Inurnment will take place at Belfield Lutheran Cemetery.



*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers in speech, conduct, in love, faith and purity.
1 Timothy 4:12*

In our ongoing prayers...

Remembering those in our prayers:

Remembering those in our prayers: Family of Sodie Lindbo, Family of Russell Sandaker, Family of Darren Hanson, Family of George Cermak, Sandy Simmioniw, Cory Wanner, Rick Wolfgram, Vera Schaeffer, Kim Shade, Emma Hlibichuk, Bert Salo, Christine Perrin, Denise Tibbs, Loren Bock, Randy Wolfgram, Randy Urban, Tom Adams, Duane Tessier, Madella Brinkman, Shirley Olson, Gerry Suomala, JoAnne Suomala, Mary Knotts, Delores Roy, Cord Kessel, Halle Blain, Marilyn Oyhus, Mark Trechock, Craig McLaughlin, Johnny Syminow, Mindy O'Brien, Lincoln Lee Johnson, Josephine Shypkoski-Thompson

Please continue to pray for those who have lost their jobs, those with mental illness, those seeking Sobriety, those struggling with infertility, all troops including PFC Cole Potter, and their families & those working for peace in our world.

Please help us keep this prayer list active.

To add a loved one to the prayer list for next month's issue, please fill out a prayer request slip during worship, making sure to indicate your desire to have the request published in the newsletter, and place it in the offering basket or email us at newsletter@belfieldlutheran.org



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Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.—Proverbs 20:30



November 2024
Worship Schedule

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10	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship
17	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship Daglum Worship
24	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Medora Worship Belfield Worship



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